

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP

Monday, October 15, 2001  
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Vacant, Chair	*Kathie Sholly, Glendale
Bruce Meyers, Arizona Department of Administration	*Reed Kempton, Maricopa County
Michael Eagan, American Society of Landscape Architects	Brian Fellows, Mesa
Mickey Ohland, Chandler	Chris Jacques, Peoria
*Tami Ryall, Gilbert	Elayne Taylor-Tyler, Phoenix Planning Dept.
Janeen Holloman for Kevin Kugler, Goodyear	*Lorry Kuiper, Phoenix Transit Dept. (alternate representative)
	*Jorie Bresnahan, Scottsdale
	Elizabeth Thomas, Tempe

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Robinson, Phoenix

Phil Bloom, Peoria

1. Call to Order

Acting chair Brian Fellows, City of Mesa, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the July 25, 2001 Pedestrian Working Group

Michael Eagan moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 25, 2001. Elayne Taylor-Tyler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

No members of the audience wished to address the Working Group.

4. Staff Report

Maureen DeCindis, MAG, introduced herself as the new staff person for the Pedestrian Working Group. She gave an overview of the recent pedestrian conference in which David Engwicht of Australia presented ideas on "Street Reclaiming: Creating Vibrant Communities". Close to one hundred people attended the conference in Tempe at the Community Christian Fellowship Hall. The highlights of David's message was that the role of a city was to increase opportunities for exchanges between people—whether social or economic exchanges. The street was the traditional space in which commerce and socialization has taken place. He encouraged the attendees to think about ways to have the community help create value to street design in order to minimize the effects of vehicles. He gave many examples of community participation including movable art, using chalk and sculptures, landscaping, pedestrian furniture, and sidewalk cafes.

Maureen reported that Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek, has resigned as chair and MAG is looking for a new chair person.

Maureen asked for input on the new 2002 calendar of meetings. She suggested considering changing the time from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30pm for consistency and changing the day to the third Tuesday every other month. The committee agreed with the proposed new schedule.

5. Member Agency Report

Brian Fellows, Mesa, reported on the Association for Bicycle and Pedestrian Professionals conference in Tucson and asked committee members for maps and materials.

Chris Jacques, City of Peoria, reported on a new project Old Town/Grand Avenue that would create new landscaping and sidewalks.

6. Update of the Activities of the Transportation Review Committee

Reed Kempton was absent. There was no report.

7. Review of Federally-Funded Pedestrian Projects Submitted for the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The committee listened to presentations on each of the potential projects submitted for the FY MAG 2003-2007 TIP. Each project applicant will give a three minute overview referring to the map and photos submitted in the project application.

City of Glendale--Alley project: Kathie Sholly of Glendale reported that the city had received a previous grant to design this project. This current request will pay for construction of 250 feet of pedestrian improvements in the Alley north of Glendale Avenue between 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 57<sup>th</sup> drive. This project would complete the old Roma section of downtown Glendale.

City of Glendale--Glenn Drive: This project is located between 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue and would construct pedestrian amenities such as landscaping and sidewalk improvements including seating and benches. Better sidewalks leading up to Civic Center would encourage people to walk rather than drive.

City of Glendale--51<sup>st</sup> Avenue: This project extends along 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue between Camelback Road and Bethany Home Road. It is primarily an industrial area. There is no bus route there currently but a route is planned if the tax is successful. The only destination points are in the commercial development south of Camelback and the development north of Bethany Home.

Brian Fellows, Mesa, asked what the cross-walks going halfway across the street were on the aerial map. Kathie Sholly responded that they were rail crossings.

Elizabeth Thomas, Tempe asked if Glendale had internally ranked their projects. Kathie Sholly replied that the Alley project is number one, Glenn Drive project is number two and 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue project is number three.

MAG--Design Assistance Program: Maureen DeCindis, MAG, explained that the request this year is for \$200,000 to continue the very successful design assistance program. This program allows cities to apply for funds to design pedestrian projects. Once a project is designed, the cities can then apply for funds to construct the project.

City of Peoria--Skunk Creek Corridor: Phil Bloom, Community Services Department, described their Skunk Creek Corridor project. Peoria would like to build an underpass under 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 101 for access to New River. They intend to make improvements to the trail by resurfacing to make it ADA accessible. Currently drainage dips make it difficult to use. A trail head would be developed at a new community park. This project will connect trails in the West Valley Recreation Corridor.

City of Phoenix--24<sup>th</sup> Street Rio Salado to South Mountain: Bob Robinson, City of Phoenix, reported that this project recently received design assistance grant to design the corridor. It would extend from the Rio Salado recreational greenway habitat to the South Mountain Park that has 17,000 acres. There are 24<sup>th</sup> Street bond funds for a neighborhood center development at Broadway. This project would purchase land and build trail on first phase of 5 mile of the trail. There are 700 new homes scheduled to be built and the community is very excited about the project

City of Tempe--College Ave: Elizabeth Thomas, Tempe, described this project as extending from ASU campus south to the freeway. This is the number one project for Tempe. The project include art elements and enhancements on the bridge landing over the freeway as well as widening the sidewalks and adding shade. There are four schools, numerous churches and connection to parks and downtown.

Brian Fellows asked about the bridge design, and if the gradual incline instead of corkscrew design might encourage bicyclists to speed down the ramp. Elizabeth responded that there will be bollards to prevent cars and motorcycles crossing the bridge. There is no final designs yet but the city will take bicycle speed into consideration.

City of Tempe--Lakeshore Drive: Pedestrian improvements would be made to this street. The Lakes Neighborhood home owners association requested better sidewalks to encourage more children to walk to school. There is a high school and an elementary school in the neighborhood. The current landscaped median has created site distance problems. Brian Fellows mentioned the node of retail that exists in the middle of the project that makes that route unique.

#### 8. Next Meeting

The Pedestrian Working will meet on **Wednesday, October 24, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Ocotillo Room to rank pedestrian projects submitted for federal transportation funds.

The next meeting will be January and tentative items include how to improve TIP application and potential Pedestrian Working Group activities.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.